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Re: United States Patent Application No.: 10/613,852  
LEAKAGE RESISTANT SHROUD HANGER  
Filing Date: July 3, 2003  
Docket No.: P1723US01 (28068-00047)

Dear Commissioner:

Enclosed, please find the following documents for filing:

1. Preliminary Amendment (2 pages);
2. Request for Corrected Filing Receipt (2 pages);
3. Copy of Official Filing Receipt mailed September 9, 2004 (2 pages);  
and
4. An Acknowledgment postcard.

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Sincerely,

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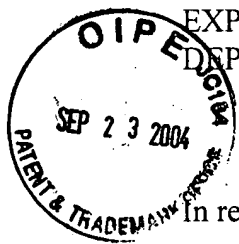
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In re Application of: **Chengbao Wang**

Assignee: **WOOD GROUP ESP, INC.**

Application No.: **10/613,852**

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For: **LEAKAGE RESISTANT  
SHROUD HANGER**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please enter the following amendment:

**In the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph on page 1 of the specification entitled 'Related Applications' with the following rewritten paragraph:

This application claims priority to United States Provisional Patent Application No.: 60/478,813, entitled "Non-Leaking Shroud Hanger for ESP System", filed June 17, 2003, which is herein incorporated by reference.

**REMARKS**

Applicant, respectfully requests entry of the preliminary amendment in connection with the above-identified application. A provisional patent application entitled "Non-Leaking Shroud Hanger for ESP System" was filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The provisional application was granted a filing date of June 17, 2003, and assigned serial no.: 60/478,813. Unfortunately, at the time the present application was filed (i.e. July 3, 2003), the filing date and the assigned serial number for the provisional application had not been received. Therefore, although reference to the provisional was made, the paragraph on page 1 entitled